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Dear Professor Kahin:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 20, 1975, appealing our decision not to declassify 19 itemized documents held in the Lyndon B. Johnson Library.

Pursuant to the authority delegated to him in accordance with section 1900.51(a) of Chapter XIX, Title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, Mr. William E. Nelson, Deputy Director for Operations, has reviewed your request in light of your appeal. After review, Mr. Nelson has determined that all of the aforementioned documents are currently properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 11652 and that they are exempt from automatic declassification under section 5(B)(2) thereof since they contain information concerning intelligence sources and methods which the Director of Central Intelligence has the responsibility to protect from unauthorized disclosure in accordance with section 102(d)(3) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended.

In accordance with section III(C) of the National Security Council Directive of May 17, 1972, you may appeal the decision of the Committee to the Interagency Classification Review Committee.

Sincerely,

John F. Blake

Chairman

Information Review Committee

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